

US 12 project May 25, 1999 public information meeting summary

Meeting location: Middleton High School Student Center
Notes by: Ayres Associates

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Ayres Associates (in conjunction with Strand Associates) conducted a Public Informational Meeting (PIM) to present the highway improvement alternative selected for the section of US 12 between Sauk City and Middleton. The PIM also included information related to the Record of Decision/Memorandum of Agreement document and the introduction of the design consultant led by Strand Associates.

The PIM was held on Tuesday, May 25, 1999, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Middleton High School Student Center. The meeting was advertised in the local newspaper as well as through the US 12 progress newsletter, which was distributed to approximately 1,000 names on the project mailing list. The meeting was conducted in an open house format, which allowed the public to review the project exhibits and discuss the selected alternative with project representatives.

Approximately 100 persons attended the PIM and 14 written comments were submitted.

The selected alternative is the four-lane divided freeway/expressway alternative, referred to as alternative #4 in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). This alternative was displayed on 200 scale project location maps, which depicted the location of selected alternative, access points and corridor limit lines.

The project schedule exhibited at the PIM shows the design process and right of way plat development between 1999-2000, acquisition starting in 2000, and construction starting 2001. The project schedule shows a five stage phased construction scheme, with Sauk City to WIS 188 in 2003, WIS 188 to County KP in 2003, County KP to WIS 19 (west) in 2001, WIS 19 (west) to County K in 2003 and County K to Middleton in 2003.

Also exhibited at the PIM were displays of the direct and secondary effects of the project, including the commitments made within the ROD and MOA.

Several handouts were available at the meeting, including the US 12 progress newsletter, US 12 fact sheet (describing the meeting format, project objectives and the selected alternatives), introduction of the design consultant and project schedule.

This concludes the public involvement process for the US 12 Environmental Impact Statement (and Ayres Associates); all future public meetings will be held in conjunction with the design and construction phase of this project.